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DINING GUIDE

Barnacle Billy's, known for luxury lobster, steamed clams, large lusty drinks, barbecued chicken, homemade clam chowder & of course, the lobster roll & lobster stew. Features extensive indoor & sundeck seating where guests can enjoy both the beauty of the harbor & the ocean beyond. Perkins Cove, Ogunquit, 646-5575, barnbilly.com

Bayside American Café (formerly Bintliff's) has been owned and run by Joe & Diane Catoggio since 2003. Their craveable menu includes simple to decadently delicious items like house-made smoked salmon, corned beef hash, crab cakes, sandwiches, salads, Benedicts, and more. Come enjoy the food and drinks, and discover why customers love Bayside American Café. Breakfast, brunch, and lunch are served daily starting at 7am. 774-0005 . 98 Portland St., Portland, baysideamericancafe.com.

Bueno Loco offers a unique Mexican experience in Falmouth. We use only the freshest ingredients and make the best house-infused margaritas! Open daily for lunch and dinner. Happy hour 4-6 pm. Live music Thursdays 6-9 pm. Kids' menu. Dine in or take out. Plenty of free parking! View our full menu at buenoloco.net. 240 U.S. Rt. 1, Falmouth, 619-7057.

Bruno's Voted Portland's Best Italian Restaurant by Market Surveys of America, Bruno's offers a delicious variety of classic Italian, American, and seafood dishes—and they make all of their pasta in-house. Great sandwiches, pizza, calzones, soups, chowders, and salads. Enjoy lunch or dinner in the dining room or the Tavern. Casual dining at its best. 33 Allen Ave., 878-9511.

Bull Feeney's Authentic Irish pub & restaurant, serving delicious from-scratch sandwiches, steaks, seafood & hearty Irish fare, pouring local craft & premium imported brews, as well as Maine's most extensive selection of single malt Scotch & Irish whiskeys. Live music five nights. Open 7 days, 11:30am-1am. Kitchen closes at 10pm. 375 Fore St., Old Port, 773-7210, bullfeeneys.com

Crooners & Cocktails Dine in style surrounded by the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin at Portland's only supper club throwback. Enjoy a high energy atmosphere with traditional American cuisine, classic cocktails, and great music celebrating a classic era. We are open 6 days a week for dinner Tues.-Sat. 4pm-1am and Sunday brunch 10am-4pm. 90 Exchange St., Portland. 536-0469, croonersandcocktails.com

DiMillo's Now's the time to enjoy everything DiMillo's has to offer: fabulous dishes prepared by Head Chef, Melissa Bouchard, voted one of Maine's Chef's of the Year, plus our lobster and seafood specials, our delicious steaks and Italian dinners and outside dining topside and portside. Open every day at 11AM, Commercial St., Old Port. 772-2216. Always FREE PARKING while aboard.

El Rodeo, an incredibly authentic Mexican Restaurant and Bar, is locally-owned and



Spirited Awakening

A schooner is reborn as a floating bar & trendy bistro.

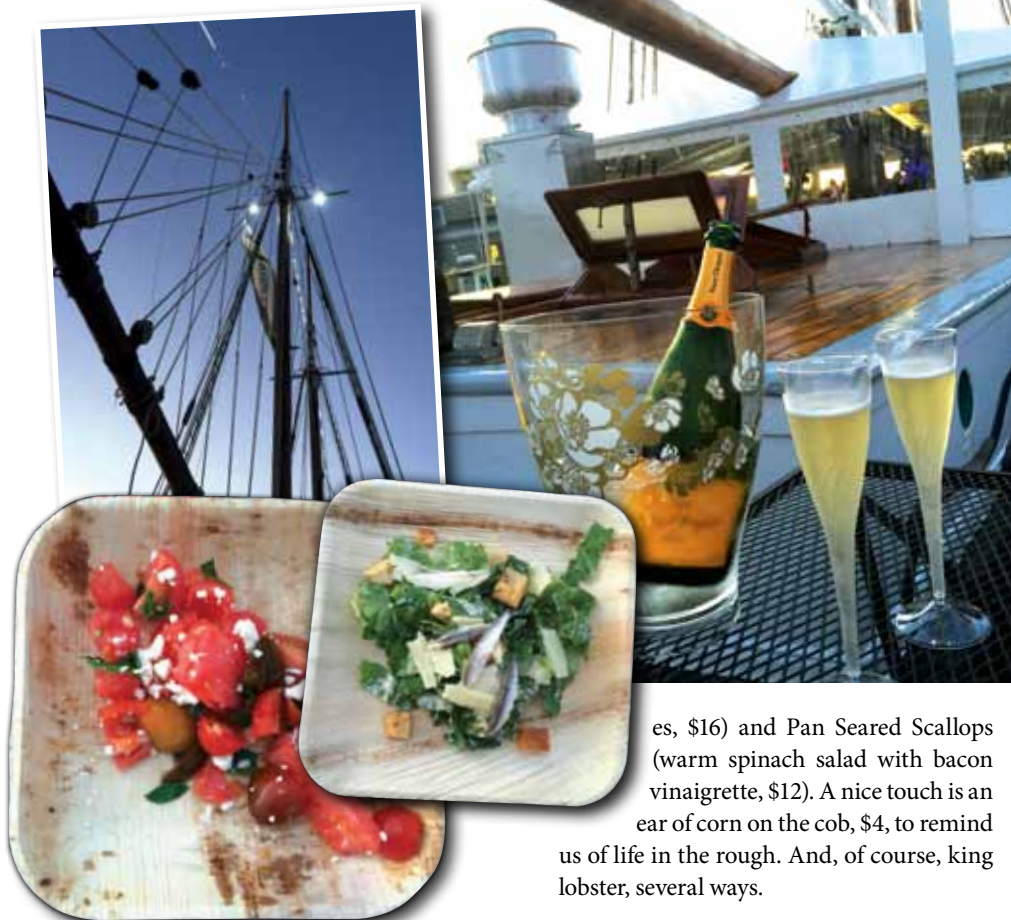
When you cross the Kennebunk River bridge, look beyond the Clam Shack and down to the waterfront. You'll spy *The Spirit of Massachusetts* made fast to her dock, her tall masts lit to surprise the night sky.

We're dining onboard the schooner tonight, so step lively.

Dwight Raymond's dream to launch this vessel as *The Spirit* restaurant has been fully realized. Treasured as the last vessel ever built at Charlestown Naval Shipyard (in 1984), she's plied the seas from the Caribbean to Africa and Canada, a reported half-



STAFF PHOTOS



million miles before she came to be cradled in her new berth.

Piped aboard, we were seated beside the ship's wheel, where we could see all the attractions reflected in the river: Arundel Wharf Restaurant, Davids K'port, Federal Jacks. There used to be a celebrated restaurant called Windows on the Water on this river. *This is water on the windows.*

Time for champagne! (Though our animated and helpful server has never been briefed that Veuve Cliquot is in honor of the Widow Cliquot, 1777-1866, the visionary who launched a champagne empire that's well into its second century. Everybody has to learn the ropes.) We were glad to see one of our favorites was included on this very accessible wine list.

The menu adventurously mixes the global and local, conjuring the schooner's world travel. The plates are made "from fallen palm leaves, from India." We start with the tasty tomato and watermelon salad (heirloom tomatoes, watermelon, goat cheese, mint, and ginger vinaigrette, \$6) and Caesar salad (sublime white anchovies, \$9), then tear into the small-plate sized Mackerel Crostini (a special tonight, featuring smoked mackerel), Cured Meat Plate (ham, salami, sausage,

es, \$16) and Pan Seared Scallops (warm spinach salad with bacon vinaigrette, \$12). A nice touch is an ear of corn on the cob, \$4, to remind us of life in the rough. And, of course, king lobster, several ways.

THE FLOATING OPERA

The 125-foot *Spirit of Massachusetts* is not looking back at her earlier life as a global ambassador for her namesake state. This lady is a bit mysterious (multiple phone calls went unanswered or unreturned before we just decided to show up and were glad we did) early in her new identity as a restaurant. But if you hit the ramp at the right time, the bar glows and the boat is gorgeous—a trip around the world without ever leaving the dock.

Our server's parting shot: "Are you going to have some fun or are you going home?" Our reply: "We didn't know that was mutually exclusive!"

This is one yare party. (Yare being the second spelling, Admiral.) ■

The Spirit, 4 Western Ave. Kennebunk, ME. Daily, 11am-10pm. No reservations, but your table is now ready in the newly opened dining room (below).



family-operated at their convenient South Portland location. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Tableside guacamole, sizzling fajitas, delicious margaritas, and live Latin music are to be enjoyed. See Facebook for daily specials. 147 Western Ave., South Portland, 773-8851

Eve's at the Garden, an oasis of calm and great food in the middle of the Old Port. The perfect spot for meetings, special occasions, and a cocktail. Ingredients from Maine's waters and farms: jumbo scallops, natural, sustainable pork, beef, fish, and shellfish, and Maine lobster. Home to the annual Ice Bar, Eve's garden is perfect for outdoor dining in season. Happy Hour Mon.-Fri.; free valet parking. Lunch 11:30am-2pm, Dinner 5-9:30 pm. 468 Fore St., Portland, 775-9090, evesatthegarden.com

Kon Asian Bistro Steakhouse & Sushi Bar is upscale Asian with modern flair. Japanese, Sushi, Thai, Chinese—or try our hibachi tables. Our private party room accommodates groups from business meetings to birthday parties. Choose fresh, delicious items and enjoy our entertaining chefs preparing your meal in front of you. Family friendly; open Mon.-Thurs. 11:30am-10pm, Fri. to 11pm, Sat. 1pm-11:00pm, Sun. 11:30am-9:30pm. 874-0000, konasianbistrome.com

Maria's Ristorante is Portland's original classic Italian Restaurant. Greg and Tony Napolitano are always in house preparing classics like Zuppa de Pesce, Eggplant Parmigian, Grilled Veal Sausages, Veal Chop Milanese, homemade cavatelli pastas, Pistachio Gelato, Limoncello Cake, and Maine's Best Meatballs. Prices \$11.95 - \$22.95. Tue.-Sat. starting at 5pm. Catering always available. 337 Cumberland Ave. 772-9232, mariasrestaurant.com

Pedro's focuses on simple yet full-flavored Mexican and Latino food. Offering tacos, burritos and an impressive array of margaritas, sangria, beer, and wine. *Especiales de la semana* (specials of the week) keep the menu varied and fresh and showcase different Latino cultures. Seasonal outdoor dining available. Open daily, 12pm-10pm. 181 Port Rd., Kennebunk, 967-5544, pedrosmaine.com

Pier 77 & The Ramp Bar & Grill are owned & managed by Kate & Chef Peter Morency. Pier 77 has a formal dining room with stunning views of Cape Porpoise Harbor & live music each weekend, while the Ramp is more casual, with its own bar menu at hard-to-beat prices. Open year-round. 77 Pier Rd., Kennebunkport, 967-8500, pier77restaurant.com *

Rivalries Sports Pub & Grill An upscale sports bar serving creative pub food in a fun and comfortable atmosphere. Known for some of Portland's best casual food, Rivalries' menu has something for everyone. And with 30+ HD TVs and every major pro and college sports package, you won't miss a game! Conveniently located in Portland's Historic Old Port District. 774-6044, rivalriesmaine.com

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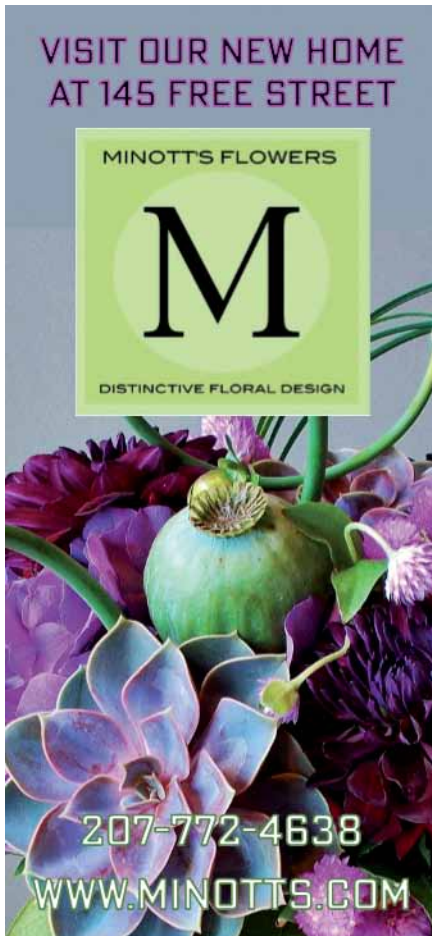

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The Spirit Restaurant



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www.spiritofmassachusettsrestaurant.com

The Spirit of Massachusetts is a 125-foot schooner built right here in New England at the Charlestown Naval Shipyard. Her launch in 1984 was celebrated in Boston Harbor with a tall ship festival that welcomed over 80 tall ships from all over the world. After her launch she served as a goodwill ambassador for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts while sailing the globe as an educational vessel. In 2014 *The Spirit of Massachusetts* was restored and brought to her new home in Kennebunk, ME.